



## YOUNG ISRAEL COLUMNS.

### Boksburg North.

#### OBITUARY.

The Young Israel Society has sustained a great loss in the death of Master Mannie Kotzen. His demise at Muizenberg on the 21st January, 1923, came as a great shock to his numerous friends and the Young Israel Society, of which he was a committee member. Although only past his fourteenth birthday at the time of his death, he had taken a great interest in the work of the society, and had been one of its principal supporters since the society's inception in 1918. At one time he held the post of assistant secretary, and in that capacity worked zealously for the society. He also held the position of committee member many times. Not only was he popular among his young fellow-Zionists, but he was endeared to all who knew him, Jew and Gentile, young and old, and his bright, cheerful smile and boyish pranks will not soon be forgotten.

The Boksburg North Young Israel Society wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kotzen and son and relatives in their great loss.

On Wednesday, 7th February, a grand dance, under the auspices of the Boksburg North Young Israel Society, in conjunction with the Springs, Germiston and Brakpan Young Israel Societies, was held in the E.R.P.M. Hall, Boksburg, in aid of the Keren Hayesod Fund, and proved a social as well as a financial success. About 300 dancers assembled from all parts of the Rand, and dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning to the strains of Edgar Adeler's Syncopating Big Five Orchestra. The committee responsible for this well-organised function were as follows:—President, Mr. S. Louis; treasurers, Messrs. I. Taitz and B. Bonheim; secretary, Miss N. Isserow; committee, Messrs. M. Grolman (Germiston), S. Godin (Germiston) and C. Joffe (Brakpan), General committee: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saretzky, Mr. and Mrs. M. Louis, Mrs. O. Isserow, Mrs. S. Blumberg, Miss T. Blumberg, Miss E. Swil, Miss C. Bonheim, Miss B. Desatnik, Miss E. Pen, Miss L. Brodie, and Messrs. J. Swil, H. Rubenstein, J. Jacoby, Rev. S. Wainman and Master Yankelson. Special thanks are due to the following:—Mrs. R. Tarutz, Miss D. Shames (Benoni), Mrs. L. Berman, Mr. Ch. Hoppenstein; also to the following: D.C., Mr. A. J. Saretzky; M.C.'s, Miss F. Swil (Boksburg North), Mr. I. Taitz (Springs), Mr. S. Godin (Germiston), and Mr. C. Joffe (Brakpan).

The Boksburg North Y.I.S. wish to extend their thanks to the Germiston, Brakpan and Springs societies for rendering their support in making the function a success.

### Pietermaritzburg.

On Sunday, January 21st, 1923, the Pietermaritzburg Young Zionist Society held a debate and social

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evening in the Hebrew School Room, Pine Street, under the chairmanship of Rev. J. Levine. The subject of debate was "Which is better—Town or country life?" Mr. A. Shrock spoke for the former, and Mr. B. Benjamin for the latter. Both spoke well, and the audience took a keen interest in the debate. The following kindly assisted with the musical programme:—Miss F. Greenberg (piano solo), Miss G. Kinkel (recitation), Miss A. Kinkel (song), and Miss D. Isaacs (recitation). The ladies of the committee kindly supplied the refreshments, which were sold, a sum of £1 5s. resulting. The evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair and with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

#### Port Elizabeth.

The Daughters of Zion Society recently held an essay competition on Herzl or other subjects of Jewish interest, the judge being Aunt Rachel, who has already referred to this competition in her "Page" in a previous issue.

The prizes were awarded to the following:—Misses B. Kahn, L. Weinronk, H. Weinronk, and B. Sacks, and at a meeting held on January 16th, after these young ladies had read their essays, Mrs. Bernstein graciously distributed the prizes.

Appreciative speeches were made by Mr. D. Meirowsky, Mrs. Nathan Levine, and Mr. B. Weinronk. Mr. Meirowsky advocated the establishment of a library or reading circle in connection with the society, and this excellent suggestion was adopted, and steps have already been taken by the society to carry it into effect.

#### Stellenbosch.

On Sunday, December 24th, a very successful concert was held by the local Young Israel Society in the Recreation Hall, in aid of the Ukraine orphans. There was a large gathering of the local community, presided over by the chairman, Mr. B. F. Lewis, who, on the conclusion of the programme, thanked all present for their support. Thanks were also extended to Mrs. Friedman for her untiring work and able management of the programme. The following contributed to the programme:—Misses L. Levinsohn, S. Stein, S. Levinsohn, F. Bender, Milly Stein, D. Sherman, S. Marcus, M. Sherman, P. Greenstein, Messrs. I. Levinsohn, M. Stein, S. Lewis, I. Shulman, J. Greenstein, B. Zetler, N. Osrin, L. Meyer, D. Stein, H. Levinsohn, and D. B. Lewis, and a chorus of all the members. The singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King" concluded the evening.

The Ukraine Orphans' Fund benefited to the amount of £10, which amount has been forwarded to the Zionist Federation.

The society is affiliated to the Judæan Central Executive for the Cape Province, and is making excellent progress.

#### Tarkastad.

The Zionist Federation has received £1 from Mary Swartz as the proceeds of a children's concert given by her for the fund for the transference of Jewish orphans from Eastern Europe to Palestine.

## PALESTINE IMPRESSIONS.

Extracts from recent letters from a South African now Resident in Palestine.

"I suppose you read of the disturbances in Jaffa a couple of months ago, when two Jews were killed. Reprisals were made, and a couple of Arabs lost their lives. While very much against these reprisals, I am bound to say that they had a marked effect. The Arabs are arrant cowards, and, like the native, they are very susceptible to the argument of brute force. The spirit displayed by our young men at the time of these disturbances filled me with deep pride. Tel-Aviv is impregnable, and in general, we are quite ready to defend ourselves if necessary. Perhaps this fact has had its due effect, and the situation is quiet. Probably the Arabs will soon fall out among themselves.

Here have I been but a short time, and yet I feel as though I had lived here all my life. There is a quite remarkable sense of home about the life in Palestine. We live in Ir Ganim, the new garden suburb outside Jaffa, and all our spare time we spend in digging and ploughing and planting and manuring. I would never have believed that I could have so readily adapted myself to these novel conditions. We feel physically remarkably fit. We only wish that our brethren in the Galuth fully realised and appreciated all that is involved in the reconstruction of our national home, and that they would place ever new forces into the work. We are doing our best, and are only despondent when we reflect what could be done, and how swiftly we could transform this country if only the Jewish people understood its duty and put all its energies into the work."

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